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THIS ASSIGNMENT, by Shinjiro SAKURAI, Masaya KUSUMOTO,
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~~and~~ all x residing at
c/o Mitsui Chemicals, Inc., 580-32, Nagaura, Sodegaura-shi, Chiba
299-0265 Japan

~~and~~ _____ (hereinafter referred to as "the
 Assignors"), ~~respectively~~, witnesseth:

WHEREAS, the Assignors have invented certain new and useful improvements in
Emulsion for Thermal Recording Material and Thermal Recording Materials
Made by Using the Same

_____ set forth in an application for Letters Patent of the
 United States, [] which is a provisional application to be filed herewith; [x] which is a non-
 provisional application having an oath or declaration executed on even date herewith prior to filing
 of application; [] bearing Application No. _____, and filed on _____
 _____; and

WHEREAS, MITSUI CHEMICALS, INC., a corporation duly organized under and
 pursuant to the laws of Japan and having its principal place of
 business at 2-5, Kasumigaseki 3-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-6070 Japan (hereinafter
 referred to as "the Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to
 said inventions, the right to file applications on said inventions and the entire right, title and interest
 in and to any applications, including provisional applications for Letters Patent of the United States
 or other countries claiming priority to said application, and in and to any Letters Patent or Patents,
 United States or foreign, to be obtained therefor and thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and
 sufficient consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Assignors have sold,
 assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer, and set over,
 unto the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns the entire right, title, and
 interest in and to the above-mentioned inventions, the right to file applications on said inventions
 and the entire right, title and interest in and to any applications for Letters Patent of the United
 States or other countries claiming priority to said applications, and any and all Letters Patent or
 Patents of the United States of America and all foreign countries that may be granted therefor and
 thereon, and in and to any and all applications claiming priority to said applications, divisions,
 continuations, and continuations-in-part of said applications, and reissues and extensions of said
 Letters Patent or Patents, and all rights under the International Convention for the Protection of
 Industrial Property, the same to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee, for its own use and behalf
 and the use and behalf of its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, to the full end of the
 term or terms for which Letters Patent or Patents may be granted as fully and entirely as the same
 would have been held and enjoyed by the Assignors had this sale and assignment not been made;

AND for the same consideration, the Assignors hereby covenant and agree to and with
 the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, that, at the time of execution and
 delivery of these presents, the Assignors are the sole and lawful owners of the entire right, title,
 and interest in and to the inventions set forth in said applications and said applications, including
 provisional applications, above-mentioned, and that the same are unencumbered, and that the
 Assignors have good and full right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same in the manner
 herein set forth;

AND for the same consideration, the Assignors hereby covenant and agree to and with the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns that the Assignors will, whenever counsel of the Assignee, or the counsel of its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, shall advise that any proceeding in connection with said inventions or said applications for Letters Patent or Patents, or any proceeding in connection with Letters Patent or Patents for said inventions in any country, including interference proceedings, is lawful and desirable, or that any application claiming priority to said application, division, continuation, or continuation-in-part of any applications for Letters Patent or Patents, or any reissue or extension of any Letters Patent or Patents to be obtained thereon, is lawful and desirable, sign all papers and documents, take all lawful oaths, and do all acts necessary or required to be done for the procurement, maintenance, enforcement, and defense of Letters Patent or Patents for said inventions, without charge to the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, but at the cost and expense of the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns;

AND the Assignors hereby authorize and request the attorneys of BURNS, DOANE, SWECKER & MATHIS, L.L.P. of Alexandria, Virginia, to insert in the spaces provided above the filing date, application number, and attorney docket number of said application when known.

AND the Assignors hereby request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all said Letters Patent of the United States to the Assignee as the Assignee of said inventions, the Letters Patent to be issued for the sole use and behalf of the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns.

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| Date | <u>September 3, 2001</u> | Signature of Assignor | <u><i>Shinjiro Sakurai</i></u> Shinjiro SAKURAI |
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| Date | <u>September 3, 2001</u> | Signature of Assignor | <u><i>Futoshi Hoshino</i></u> Futoshi HOSHINO |
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